

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: August 2, 2019

Fire Danger – High

Fire Chief John Wooten moved the fire danger level within Cottage Grove to “High” on Wednesday. Attached to the Friday Update is the Fire Danger chart that describes the type of uses allowed, restricted or prohibited at the different Fire Danger levels. Please be sure to review the chart and follow the guidelines. For more information visit the South Lane County Fire and Rescue website at www.southlanefire.org or call the office at: (541)942-4493.

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 115 Village Drive. The list of this year’s Yard of the Week winners are on the City’s webpage that also includes a link to the photo album of the winners. Be sure to check out the winners. As summer begins to wind down, (yes, it is winding down even though it seems like it just started) be sure to get those nominations in for yards that you see that deserve recognition.

Eugene Symphony

Thank you to everyone that helped make the Eugene Symphony Concert in Bohemia Park a huge success. The attendance was the biggest yet for a concert in Bohemia Park. There are so many to thank for the amazing work that was done – the ground crew that set up and then took down all the stuff in the amphitheater, the staff that coordinated table reservations, sought sponsorships and donations, those that arranged vendors, the vendors, the sponsors, the donors and all the attendees. We are already making plans for the 2020 concert. Anyone that wants to be a part of this amazing event next year should contact the City Manager’s office. The Eugene Symphony and the City are excited to continue this tradition.

Emergency Preparedness Fair

Come on out to Coiner Park for an afternoon of fun for the whole entire family on August 10th from 11:00 to 2:00 pm. In the park there will be two completely free events; Party in the Park and The Emergency Preparedness Fair. Party in the Park is a back to school celebration. They will be set up in the front of the park and will be giving out hundreds of backpacks full of school supplies and have various games and activities planned for all ages. Enjoy a free lunch and all the fruit punch you can drink in the middle of the park. In the back half of the park is The Emergency Preparedness Fair. There will be over 25 first responders and emergency preparedness organizations that attendees can visit. Those that visit every booth will be entered into a raffle for a family size 72 hour emergency preparedness kit. The first 100 people entered will receive a single person emergency preparedness backpack. This is a “touch a truck” event including multiple fire trucks, police vehicles and public works equipment. For the kids there will games and opportunities to meet Smokey Bear (yes, his proper name is Smokey Bear) and other Safety mascots.

Swinging Bridge Project Update

30 cubic yards of new concrete was poured today, effectively expanding the existing abutments so that they can support much heavier loads transferred through the new suspension cables. Looking ahead, the concrete will be allowed to cure during the week of August 5 through 8. The concrete forms will be stripped, and the abutments will be backfilled during the week of August 19th. Steel columns are scheduled to be installed in early September. Overall, the project remains on schedule for completion in early November, 2019.

Bridge Repair Project - 2019

Two dump truck loads of five-hundred-pound rocks were placed under the east side of Harrison Avenue Bridge today. The new rock, or rip rap, will better protect the existing bridge beam and columns located immediately adjacent to the river. Armoring the bank will prevent the existing soil and road base from being washed down the river in high flood events. This work was especially timely after the high water event this past spring weakened that bank.

The Bridge Repair Project – 2019, which included maintenance and repairs to the Main Street Bridge, Silk Creek Bridge and the Harrison Avenue Bridge, is now complete.

Up in the Sky

The 41st Annual Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-In will be held at the Oregon Aviation Historical Society facility on Jim Wright Way on Saturday, August 3rd. The beautiful planes have already started arriving. Be sure to stop in tomorrow to experience these historic planes up close. There will be the traditional pancake breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 am and a BBQ lunch from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.

Ice Cream Social

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Cottage Grove Armory Ice Cream Social on August 24th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. For a nickel you can play old fashioned carnival games or buy ice cream. This year Umpqua Dairy is providing the ice cream. Be sure to stop in for the fun, maybe Aunt Gladys will even show up for some of the world's best ice cream.

Teen Wildlife Safari Adventure

There are still a few open spots left for teens join the Cottage Grove Public Library on an adventure filled day to Wildlife Safari and the Umpqua River. The trip is Friday, August 9th so youth should stop by the Library soon with their parent to sign up for this free trip.

Ukulele at the Library

Now is the time for you to start playing the Ukulele. The Cottage Grove Public Library has instruments that you can borrow, and we offer "drop-in" Ukulele on Thursdays at 9:00 am for adults and 10:00 am for kids. Stop by soon to develop your Ukulele skills.

Lego's for Big People

Lego's for Big People will be held on Monday, August 5th at 5:00 pm at the Cottage Grove Public Library for all the "Big People" – those ages 13 and up. This is an opportunity for the older teens and adults to create something cool with Legos and socialize and have fun in the process.

Quote of the Week

"One sometimes finds what one is not looking for."

~Sir Alexander Fleming~